Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 35, with the following rewritten paragraph:

## **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The object of the invention is, therefore, to provide a transport device which allows [[a]] reliable transport of the basic carriers, together with the article carriers, on the transport element, without <u>impeding</u> access to the articles held by the article carriers being impeded.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To achieve this object, a transport device which has the features mentioned in claim 1 is proposed. It is distinguished in that wherein the transport element itself is driven and consequently moves in the transport direction. The result of this is that This drives the basic carriers mounted on the transport element are driven along, without the need for further drive devices which would be provided along the transport path and would consequently obstruct access to the articles held by the article carriers.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An exemplary embodiment of the transport device is preferred, furthermore, which has a magazine which can receive a number of article carriers. The magazine is oriented with respect to the transport path in such a way that an article carrier can be pushed out of a basic carrier and received by the magazine. A new article carrier can then be pushed out of the latter magazine or another article carrier into the basic carrier.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An exemplary embodiment of the transport device is preferred, furthermore, which is distinguished in that the basic carrier has a basic body which is designed elastically at least in some

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regions. In this case, there is preferably provision for the basic body to be is preferably designed elastically in such a way that it can adapt to the transport element when the latter element is guided via a deflecting roller.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Finally, an exemplary embodiment of the transport device is preferred <u>including</u> which is distinguished in that at least one actuation device is provided, with the aid of which <u>aids</u> one or more basic carriers can to be coupled to the transport element. This means What is meant by this is that the basic carriers are held on the transport element in such a way that they are moved forward not only on account of the friction between the rollers of the basic carrier and the transport element, but also by additional holding forces.

Please delete the paragraph at page 5, lines 3 and 4 in its entirety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

The invention is explained in more detail below with reference to the drawings in which:

figure Figure 1 shows a basic diagram of a transport device in a top view;

figure Figure 2 shows a cross section through a transport element of the transport device illustrated in figure Figure 1, along the line II-II illustrated in figure Figure 1;

figure Figure 3 shows a basic diagram of the basic carrier reproduced in figure Figure 2, with an article carrier, in a top view;

figure Figure 4 shows a basic diagram of a magazine cooperating with a transport device;

figure Figure 5 shows a top view of a detail of a transport device according to figure Figure 1, and

figure Figure 6 shows a front view of two basic carriers lying next to one another.

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